

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-4, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, said method comprising:
 - receiving billing information from a provider;
 - reading a business model file comprising ~~various~~ at least one business dimension[[s]] within said entity; and
 - allocating [[the]] said billing information by [[the]] said at least one ~~various~~ business dimension[[s]].
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said at least one business dimension[[s]] comprises at least one of a business process[[es]], organizational information, and an associated business performance metric[[s]].
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein
 - said organizational information includes [[a]] said plurality of groups,
 - wherein
 - ~~one of said plurality of groups comprises a plurality of sub-groups; and~~

said ~~separating~~ allocating step further comprises determining costs incurred by each of said ~~sub-groups~~ and determining costs incurred by each of said plurality of groups.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said reading step further comprises:

determining ~~[[the]]~~ an internal structure of ~~[[the]]~~ said entity, including ~~various~~ said plurality of groups ~~and subgroups~~ within ~~[[the]]~~ said entity;

determining ~~[[the]]~~ a billing detail~~[[s]]~~ of ~~each~~ said plurality of groups within ~~[[the]]~~ said entity;

determining ~~[[the]]~~ a value driver~~[[s]]~~ of ~~[[the]]~~ said entity; and

determining an application profile~~[[s]]~~ of ~~[[the]]~~ said entity.